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JEAN SIMMONS PRESENTS AT PHOENIX CONFERENCE

Jean Simmons, AD Nursing Program Coordinator, put GCC on the map with a presentation in Phoenix for the Health Education and Lifelong Transitions in Health Care Institute at Yavapai College, March 31st through April 2nd. The Conference, entitled *The Future Is Now*, was for Associate Degree nursing educators.

Jean represented GCC as part of the Western Mass. Public Nursing Education Consortium (WMPNEC), which is composed of five Western Mass. Community colleges plus UMass Amherst. Its purpose is to provide barrier-free articulation from the Associate Degree program into the Baccalaureate degree program. "The

presentation," says Jean, "discussed the history and success of the joint partnership and was presented by all the Consortium Nursing Program Directors and a UMass colleague."

Their audience, consisting of university and associate degree educators, was impressed by the cooperation among consortium members. "They saw the dynamics of a working group that exhibited the respect and regard we have for each other," said Jean. "I never realized how unique that makes us!"

The program is important for students, says Jean, "because they know there is an educational pathway established for them that leads

to a Baccalaureate degree."

Exploring Phoenix was part of the fun. "We ended up renting a van and seeing the surrounding countryside a bit," says Jean. "But mostly it was an opportunity to network with colleagues from across the country."

GCC's community-based service learning experiences, such as our Gerontology/Management rotation, continue to promote GCC's national recognition in nursing education. "The Conference made me realize how strong our own curriculum is," says Jean. "We're really in the future now. Which, come to think of it, was the title of this conference: *The Future Is Now*. Well, at GCC, we're already there!"

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DONNA WILSON PUBLISHED IN CHINA

Donna Wilson, Associate Dean of Academic Affairs for Humanities, will be published in a Chinese education journal in an article entitled "American Educators Respond to ESTL Readers." (ESTL stands for the monthly magazine, "English

of Science and Technology Learning.") The article cites the opinions of educators from around the United States on a variety of questions that Chinese University students and professors typically ask about teaching and learning in the U.S. "As edu-

cators," says Donna, "we want to see barriers minimized or even disappear, and that happens only when we understand the differences in curriculum and pedagogy in educational systems around the world."

HARVARD RECRUITS LAURIE GULLION FOR RISK MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Laurie Gullion, Coordinator of Outdoor Leadership, has accepted an invitation to join a new committee formed to provide Harvard University with feedback and evaluation of their risk management materials and policies for the safe operation of their outdoor and adventure programming.

"We're an independent, outside body that provides advice and assistance to the in-house people running Harvard's outdoor program," says Laurie. "If you are going for national accreditation through the Association for Experiential Education, then you need to have a risk management committee. I was selected because our Outdoor Leadership Program has already been through the accreditation process, so we are familiar with those demands."

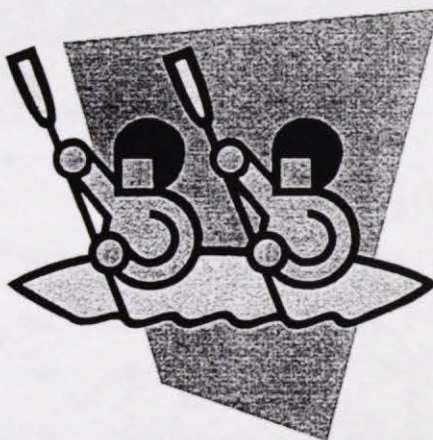
The only member on the committee

from a community college, Laurie's colleagues will include Brian Koontz, from Dartmouth College's Outdoor Program, Dr. Dan Garvey of the University of New Hampshire's Outdoor Recreation

Program, Murray Hamlet, who works for the U.S. Army's Cold Weather Research Lab, and Frank Hubble, director of SOLO, one of two national wilderness medicine programs.

Laurie has been selected for her canoeing and kayaking expertise, since she wrote the American Canoe Association's national standards for paddling programs.

The Committee will meet at Harvard University twice a year, with the first meeting coming up on May 11th.



Laurie is the author of The American Canoe Association's national text for canoeing and kayaking instruction.

LIZ CARROLL, M.A.

Elizabeth Carroll, Staff Assistant to the Dean of Institutional Advancement, will receive a Master's of Management degree from Cambridge College on May 28th, 2000. Her concentration of study is human resource and organizational development.

After fifteen years of working in the higher education environment, Liz decided it was time to get the appropriate credentials to support her experience

She began graduate school in the fall of 1997 with an intense class schedule to meet her goal of becoming a "Millennium" graduate. "Going back to school," says Liz, "gave me a new perspective on life, both personally and professionally. My only regret is that my parents are not with us today to see me graduate."

A GCC alumna, Liz also worked at the UMass Cooperative Extension Service

for five years before coming to GCC. In the fall of 1990, she was hired by the late Dean of Administration, Charlie Carter, to support the Administrative services area and now is assigned to the Advancement Office working with Steve Budd and Dale Macleod, and publications specialist Dennis Koonz.

Liz resides in Wendell with her three dogs: Joe, Gibson and Woody, and her partner, Dave Charbonneau.

STEVE BUDD MAKES MARQUIS' WHO'S WHO IN AMERICA FOR 2001

Steve Budd, Dean of Institutional Advancement, has been selected for inclusion in the 2001 edition of *Who's Who in America*, the biographical reference source compiled by Marquis. *Who's Who* chronicles the lives of accomplished individuals and innovators in such fields as politics, business, medicine, law, and education. Steve's profile

cites his record of accomplishments and service in academic and community affairs, including the African Education Support Center, the Gill/Montague Local Education Fund, treasurer of the Franklin County Chapter of ARC, treasurer, National Society of Fund Raising Executives; Regional Director, National Council for Resource Development, and

more. Avocations include horticulture, cooking, skiing, foreign languages, and natural history. What the profile doesn't reveal is Steve's willingness to help others. For instance, Steve guided the African Education Support Center through the arduous process of obtaining their nonprofit, 501 (C)(3) status, and went on to serve on their board.

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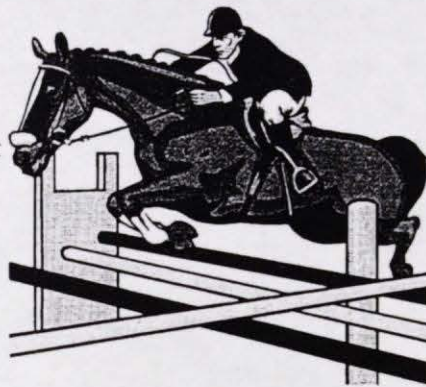
Debbie Gilbert is, first of all, a GCC alum. She's also served in the Air Force Reserve, is working on her Brown Belt in Tae Kwon Do, is an equestrian in the discipline of dressage ("Dressage is a dance with your horse," says Debbie), and dives out of airplanes. All of which adds up to "the right stuff" to serve as Staff Assistant to President Wall!

"I love the job," says Debbie. "I'm a very organized person, and it's fun to be able to incorporate that into this job."

"I think of myself as very much a team player, which is what you have to be with horses, Tae Kwon Do, working with the President—with almost everything in life."

For the past eight years or so, Debbie has been taking lessons at Stoneleigh

Burnham School—three and one-half years as a hunter/jumper and five years in dressage. "Dressage is the art of the rider learning how to communicate with their horse, non-verbally—by the use of subtle aids (the rider's body carriage, weight distribution, "soft hands," etc.), thereby translating or communicating what it is that the rider wants the horse to do."



"Dressage is a dance with your horse," says Debbie Gilbert.

The movements in dressage are a predetermined set of movements or forms, similar to Tae Kwon Do. The horse looks to the handler for direction and confidence—as does the martial art practitioner to the Master. "That's where the real communication comes in and the team work

begins," says Debbie.

Confidence, assertiveness, and patience are some of the benefits that Debbie derives from her study of Tae Kwon Do, which develops spiritual, physical, and mental training. Debbie practiced Tae Kwon Do under the direction of Dr. David Johnson 16 years ago at his *dojang* on Federal Street in Greenfield. When she began her job as Staff Assistant to President Wall and realized that Tae Kwon Do was offered at the college, she couldn't resist. "Oh, by the way," says Debbie, "Tae Kwon Do also teaches you self-control."

"Yes, it's a martial art," says Debbie. "But we're trained to only use it as a last resort. We are trained to use the art as a means of self-defense, not to be confrontational. I think that this attitude is something people can apply to their everyday living as well. So it's been very beneficial for me."

BRYNA DIAMOND HELPS STUDENTS "GEAR UP"

Bryna Diamond is the campus coordinator for Gearing Up, funded by the Mass. Corporation for Business Work and Learning and in conjunction with our local Regional Employment Board. Gearing Up is designed to expose in-school and out-of-school "at risk" young people, ages 14 to 21, to vocational and educational possibilities through internships, job shadowing, and campus

tours. They will also be introduced to career exploration and guidance services with Colleen Kucinski in GCC's Career Resource Center. These young adult learners are recruited by the Northampton YWCA and the Center for Workplace Education at UMass. As part of her work, Bryna has been in touch with many of you for your advice and assistance in providing meaningful op-

portunities for the young people who will be visiting GCC, many of whom will be considering college for the first time. Bryna has extensive experience working with young people and adults in non-traditional school and work settings.

MORE WHO'S WHO...

Ellie Goodman (currently Adjunct Faculty, Psychology) is honored in the 2000 edition of Marquis' "Who's Who in American Teachers," citing teachers who have made a difference in students' lives. This is the second time in her 30-year career at GCC that Ellie has been recognized in this publication.

HIGHER PRIORITIES

Trudy Rucci, Secretary to the Humanities Division, tied the knot on February 12th with Jim Taksar of Enfield, CT. Trudy and Jim toiled around Florida for two weeks, traveling down the east coast to Key West and up the west coast. A lion safari and historical visits

including St. Augustine were among the high points of their vacation.

Jim was a tool designer for Wiremold company in Hartford. Now retired, Jim enjoys devoting extra time to his golf game and his painting.

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OFF CAMPUS: THE 60-MILE WALK IS THE EASY PART

[Editor: GCC folks leave their mark on their communities as well as on campus. Second in a series.]

On June 2-4, Nurse Practitioner Donna Larson, Director of Health Services, will be walking sixty miles, from Leominster to Boston, as a participant in the Avon Breast Cancer 3-Day.

That's the easy part, according to Donna. The hard part is raising the \$1,800 which each walker must contribute to the cause. "Even though I'm raising money for something I feel very committed to, it's hard for me to ask people for money. Most of the people that I know are working in the public sector and they don't have a lot of disposable income. But they're being as generous as they can."

Donna's commitment is two-fold: One, her mother died of breast cancer in her mid-fifties, when Donna was fourteen. And, two, Donna is embarking on this adventure with her 19-year-old niece. "In addition to spending time with her," says Donna, "I decided this would be a great way to honor my mother."

The Training

"The walking has been great," says Donna. "I'm feeling pretty sure that I'm going to be able to do this. Right now my goal is to walk between 30 and 40 miles per week, cumulative. This past weekend I did three back-to-back ten-mile walks. In addition to that, I'm doing water aerobics two to three times a week, and also bicycling. Over time, it's become much less tiring, and I feel much better after the longer distances."



"It's been a good way of getting back control of my own health, and it's made me think more about what's important in life." —Donna Larson

The fund-raising

"I think I have about half of it," Donna reports. "I sent out an e-mail here at work. I've written to many of my friends and acquaintances. It's my fiftieth birthday in June, and I've asked my friends who normally give me birthday presents to contribute to this instead. We may end up getting a table at the local Farmers' Market to reach passersby who might be interested."

"They're really excited for me. And they've been helpful in getting together with me for parts of my training walk—just being really supportive."

And then there are the unexpected, intangible benefits of the challenge. "The money is one thing," says Donna. "But it's also the sense of support and new connections with people. I've really come to appreciate people for their kindness and their own personal strength."

If you would like to help Donna meet her goal, stop by the Health Service Office, C-123, or call her at (w) 775-1432 or (h) (413) 585-5758.